

WHAT IS INTERESTING WESTERLY

Evidence That Alton Robbers Had Spent Part of Night in Schoolhouse—Frederick Martin Wins Favor in Oratorio at Boston—Rev. William Pyne Ordained 35 Years—William Collins Improving—Deputy Sheriff Has a Shock

The highway robbery of the Richmond Luce company messengers, with a pay roll of \$1500 at Alton, is of such close character as was the robbery of Daniel McG. Newell with his pay roll of \$1200 at Bradford, that there is ground for belief that both crimes were committed by the same persons. In the latter case the highwaymen are known by their speech and appearance to have been Italians; the Alton robbers are believed to be of the same nationality, and perhaps the same individuals. In both cases there was the belief that the robbers made their escape by automobile, but the officers giving careful investigation do not share in that belief, but are of the opinion that they are residents of this section of Rhode Island, thoroughly acquainted with the time of arrival of cash for payment of the mills and quarries.

When Mr. Newell was held up and robbed he had a small boy in the car, and was unarmed, but in the other case, Himes and Northrup, the Alton mill messengers were armed, but made no attempt to defend the cash in their custody. The highwaymen were too quick for the unsuspecting messengers, got the drop first and left the messengers nerveless as they took to the woods with the loot.

It is believed that the highwaymen spent a part of the night before the robbery in the Alton schoolhouse, so as to me near the place of attack in the early morning, for there is unmistakable evidence that the schoolhouse was occupied that night. Fire had been built in the stove and the tracks on the floor and general confusion in the room showed traces of intrusion. A note was found of the phonetic spelling type, evidently written by an Italian, but which cannot be deciphered. This note and a vague description of the highwaymen are the only clues in the possession of the sheriff and his deputies.

The Handel and Haydn society of Boston gave the Messiah for the one hundred and twenty-sixth time, Sunday night. The soloists were: Frederick Martin, bass, a former resident of Westerly; Miss Harriet Edna Barrows, soprano; Miss Mildred Potter, alto; and Walter H. Pagdin, tenor; H. G. Tucker was organist, Walter Smith trumpeter and Emil Mollenhauer conducted. According to a Boston paper, "the audience singled Mr. Martin for its most demonstrative applause. It was given after he had sung Why Do the Nations Rage? with all his well known power." This concert opened the ninety-eighth season and it was the seven hundred and seventy-ninth concert by the society.

Rev. William Pyne, former pastor of the Catholic church in Westerly, now rector of St. Patrick's church, Providence, completed his thirty-fifth year as a priest, Sunday. He was ordained in the Grand Staircase, Montserrat, December 22, 1877, by Archbishop Fabre. Forty-two priests were ordained at that time and of this number Father Pyne, Rev. Louis J. Drady of

Pawtucket and Rev. James Coyle of Taunton, are believed to be the only ones living.

Local Laconics.
There is a general home-coming to Westerly for Christmas time.

The entries have been closed for the South County poultry show.

Shel S. Vane has sold three building lots in Bradford to John Dinwiddie. It is expected that about 45,000 Red Cross Christmas seals will be sold in Westerly.

Daily shipments of marble for the new post office building are arriving in Westerly.

In response to a query received: No, Westerly has no municipal wharf or public building.

Henry B. Lawrence, of the New London naval station was a visitor Monday in Westerly.

The Christmas business at the local post office is much in excess of that of any previous year.

With shoppers crowding the sidewalks, Westerly had quite a city appearance Monday.

Miss Mary O'Malley, a summer resident of Pleasant View, died Sunday at her home in Providence.

There will be special music at the masses in St. Michael's church and the church of the Immaculate Conception Christmas day.

Michael Devine, for several years employed in the Dixon house, now a resident in New London, visited in Westerly Monday.

Miss Sally Cuy, substitute for Miss Marie Zahgrandi as assistant at the Westerly Public library while in Europe, is confined to her home in Elm street by illness.

Deputy Sheriff George H. Barber suffered a slight shock when at his home in Hope Valley, Monday morning. He showed signs of improvement late in the afternoon.

That man with a bow who persists in sweeping the dirt from alongside the rails in Dixon square every day when there is wind enough to raise the dust, is a nuisance.

No decision yet from the supreme court on the Westerly liquor license vote in the meantime the licensed liquor dealers continue to do business, and, perhaps, there are others.

The stolen horse and buggy located in Stonington by Deputy Sheriff Casey and Mitchell, has been returned to the owner, Miss Prentiss, of Wickford. The thief has not been located.

The unusually large number of entries in an assurance that the annual show of the South County Poultry association to be held in the state armory in Westerly, will be the best ever.

The change in location of the Central Fire house and the cutting down of Union street have been deferred until early spring; the paving of the Broad street bridge and a section of Broad street.

William Collins shows signs of improvement and will probably be able to appear in the Third District court, Friday, to testify against Samuel Royster, who stabbed him in the back with a knife ten days ago.

Mrs. James Callahan and daughter, Julie, valedictorian of the class of 1910, Westerly High school, and now completing her musical education at the Boston Conservatory of Music, were visitors Monday in Westerly.

One Westerly boy is to receive a Christmas present, a knock-about raceboat with a record. The boy is the youngest son of Charles P. Catron and enjoys sailing on the briny deep, always accompanied by an experienced boatman.

A young man went into Nash's store, Monday, paid some money on account, leaving a small balance. He asked the clerk if he was much of a juggler and received the reply that he was the best of the stage. Then the customer suggested that he balance the account. And this young man came from Mystic.

MYSTIC

Funerals of Charles Miner and George Lamphere—Death of Mason P. Fitch.

The funeral of Charles Miner, who died in Quabbin on Friday was held in his late home on Monday afternoon and was largely attended. Rev. W. E. Bates, pastor of the Union Baptist church had charge of the services. Interment took place in Elm Grove cemetery.

Men's Club Meeting.
The regular meeting of the Men's club was held in the G. A. R. hall on Monday evening and was largely attended and Attorney L. H. Davis of Westerly gave a very interesting talk. A large number have recently joined the club and much interest is being taken in the work this year.

OBITUARY.

Mason P. Fitch.
Mason P. Fitch died at his home on New London road on Saturday after a long illness. Mr. Fitch was born in Mystic, April 12, 1813, and was the son of Latham and Mary E. Burrows. He had a wife and one daughter, Miss Elora M. Fitch.

FUNERAL.

George Lamphere.
The body of George Lamphere, a former resident of this place who died in a hospital in Boston was brought to Mystic Monday morning for interment in Elm Grove cemetery. Rev. W. E. Bates, pastor of the Union Baptist church conducted the services at the grave.

Mr. and Mrs. Alden Fish are visiting in Providence.

Leonard Clark of Boston is spending a few days in town.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gleason have returned from a visit in Norwich.

Miss Louise Gray of Wellesley college is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Gray.

George A. MacKenzie of Westerly and Mrs. Enos M. Gray of Leyland have returned to their homes after a visit with their mother, Mrs. Beulah MacKenzie.

Mrs. Stephen Palmer has returned from a visit to Boston.

Miss Lillian Miner of Providence is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George K. Miner.

Steamers Reported by Wireless.
Fastnet, Dec. 23. Steamer Saxonia, London for Quebec and Liverpool, 147 miles west at 2.15 a. m. Due at Quebec tomorrow.

Shenandoah, Mass., Dec. 23. Steamer George Washington, Boston for New York, 23 miles east of Cape Cod at 2.30 a. m. Due at New York Tuesday.

Sable Island, Dec. 23. Steamer Carlin, Liverpool for Boston, 600 miles S. of Boston at noon.

The child, Elizabeth A. McFadden, was presented this week in Fort Worth, Tex., to a silver chalice and a gold ring.



The Christmas Rush

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